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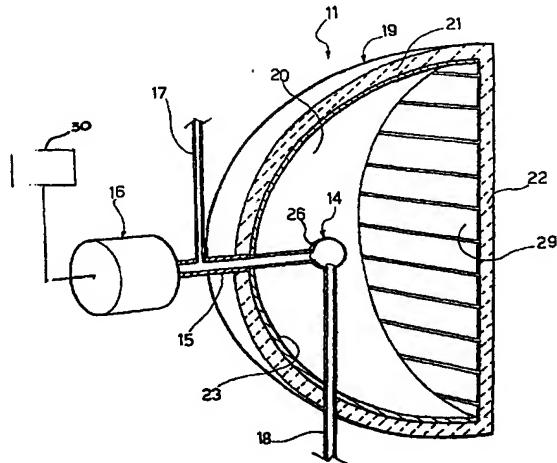
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(57) Abstract: A system for the production of electrical energy, comprising: a combustion chamber (14) made of material that is able to withstand high temperatures, an injection device (16) connected to said combustion chamber (14) by means of an injection conduit (15), means (17) for supplying combustion support substance into the combustion chamber (14) and means (18) for the removal of gaseous combustion products, means (26) for the selective emission of radiation onto the outer surface of the combustion chamber (14). The combustion chamber (14) is enclosed in a conversion chamber (20) within which are maintained at sub-atmospheric pressure conditions, so that a substantial part of the heat developed by the combustion reaction is converted into electromagnetic radiation. The radiation emitted inside the conversion chamber (20) impacts on conversion means (24) which convert electromagnetic radiation into electric energy. Said conversion means are preferably constituted by photovoltaic cells with a band gap in the order of 0.5 -0.8eV.

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